

**RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF NURSE REGISTRATION AND NURSING
EDUCATION**

MINUTES OF MEETING

OPEN SESSION

December 12, 2011

The Open Session of the Rhode Island Board of Nurse Registration and Nursing Education was called to order at 8:30 am on the above date in room 401 of the Department of Health, Three Capitol Hill, Providence, Rhode Island, pursuant to the applicable provisions of the Open Meetings Law, so called, and other applicable sections of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island as amended.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Linda Twardowski, RN, MS

Jeannine Borozny, RN

Kristen Young, RN

Michelle Cahill, LPN, Secretary

Sandra Mergerdichian, RN, MS

Peggy Matteson, RN, PhD, President

Joslin Leasca, RN, MS, RNP

Cristiana Rosa, MS, RN Manuela Raposo

Carol Cairns RN, MS

Linda Damon, RN, MS, Vice President

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Anne Tierney, RN, CRNA

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Charles Alexandre, PhD, RN

Linda TetuMouradjian, RN, MS

Jennifer Sternick, Esq.

1. ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM

President Matteson, called the meeting to order at 8:30 am. A quorum was established.

2. PRESENTATION OF MINUTES OF OPEN SESSION OF November 14, 2011

On motion of Ms. Leasca, seconded by Ms. Borozny, it was unanimously voted to accept the minutes with a notation that the NCLEX examination nursing program reports will be revised in the next quarter to reflect an error in reporting of the scores for Rhode Island College and the University of Rhode Island.

3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Matteson reported on the 2011 NCSBN World Café Education Meeting. Attendees included regulators, educators and accreditation organizations. All states were represented except Massachusetts. The intent of the meeting was to explore what nursing could be when education, approval and accreditation are fully aligned and what nursing could contribute to the public's understanding and

acceptance when education, approval and accreditation are aligned? NCSBN will produce a White Paper in the Spring of 2012 that will go before the NCSBN Board of Directors in May 2012.

4. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) will enter into an agreement with ten Canadian registered nurse regulatory bodies for the utilization of the NCLEX-RN Examination by these entities as a licensure requirement. It is expected to be in place by 2015.

The application period to apply for the 2012 Global Nursing Leadership Institute has opened. The Institute will take place in September 2012 in Geneva, Switzerland.

The Board was informed about the NCLEX FAQ webpage that helps dispel myths about the examination.

NCSBN has release proposed revisions to the current NCLEX-RN Test Plan. Board members will receive the documents via email to review and provide feedback.

The board was provided a copy of the NCSBN response to a recent article in Health Affairs on the registered nurse supply.

The public hearing for the nursing regulations on December 2, 2011 was well attended. Points raised concerned the use of preceptors by

schools of nursing and the scope of practice of advanced practice registered nurses. The comment period closes on Friday December 16. Board members will be provided copies of written comments submitted prior to the January meeting for discussion at that time.

5. BUSINESS

Discussion regarding the APRN Consensus Model in Rhode Island

1. A chronology of the development of the Task Force

Ms. Leasca provided the history of the Rhode Island State Nurses Task Force formed to review and make recommendations regarding the Consensus Model. Ms. Policastro (RISNA) stated that the RISNA Board of Directors has approved the model but has yet to endorse any specific legislative language. RISNA is awaiting endorsement of model language by the Board of Nurse Registration and Nursing Education. Ms. Leasca stated that once language is finalized it will be provided to this Board for review.

2. Comparison of model statutory and regulatory language to current language

Ms. Leasca provided a copy of a draft “crosswalk” comparing the current nurse practice act and the rules and regulations with the model statutory language provided by NCSBN. This discussion will be continued as the next scheduled Board meeting.

3. Input from non-prescribing clinical nurse specialists

Ms. Leasca reported that, at this time, as the only licensed clinical

nurse specialists, psychiatric and mental health clinical nurse specialists are the only clinical nurse specialists represented on the task force. Guests attending the meeting identified as clinical nurse specialists expressed concern that they were not included in the discussion and had many questions about the consensus model and what it meant for their practice. Ms. Leasca invited a representative of this group to meet with the Task Force to resolve and questions and concerns.

4. RI certified nurse midwife perspective with respect to the American College of Nurse Midwives position

Ms. Leasca noted that, despite the ACNM position supporting the Consensus Model, the RI Midwives have declined to be included in any move to enact it. Ms. McCue (RINIMC) stated that RI is one of three states held as a model state for the practice of nurse midwives with respect to being regulated as a distinct entity from nursing. Ms. Leasca is attempting to get a formal declination from the state midwifery association.

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. McCue introduced the students and faculty from the RINI Middle College in attendance. The president of the student government, Xavier Lopez, thanked the Board for its hospitality in allowing them to observe this mornings open session.

7. ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion of Ms. Leasca, seconded by Ms. Borozny, it was unanimously voted to move into Executive Session pursuant to 42-46-4 and 42-46-5(1) of the Rhode Island General Laws for the discussion of job performance, character, physical or mental health of applicants for licensure and licensees and for discussion of investigatory proceedings relating to misconduct by applicants licensure and licensees, and investigatory proceedings regarding allegations of civil or criminal misconduct. The Open Session adjourned at 10:30 am.

8. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Dr. Matteson called the Open Session back to order at 2:45 pm.

9. VOTE TO SEAL MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO SECTIONS OF 42-46-5 OF THE RHODE ISLAND GENERAL LAWS

On motion of Ms. Megerdichian, seconded by Ms. Twardowski, it was unanimously voted to keep confidential all matters discussed in the Executive Session and to seal those minutes in as much as fitness for licensure and ongoing disciplinary matters were addressed.

10. PRESENTATION OF FINAL ACTIONS

The Board, on unanimous vote, found no unprofessional conduct for the following:

PN11-093; RN11-065; NP11-050; NP10-114; NP11-070; PN11-092; RN10-118; RN11-079; RN11-110

The Board, on unanimous vote, ratified the following Consent Orders:

RN11-066 Linda Martin, RN Reprimand with conditions

RN11-046 Danielle Lister, RN Reprimand with conditions

PN11-048 Marianne Giannini, LPN Reprimand with conditions

PNS11-036 Lisa Marenaro, PCNS Suspension, stayed with conditions

11. ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Ms. Young, seconded by Ms. Rosa it was unanimously voted to adjourn at 3:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Michelle Cahill, LPN, Secretary